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Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy Date: 9/21/2000

Sir:

Thank you for the 06/21/00 communication from the Examiner (Paper No. 8) in connection with the application of reference. In reply to Paper No. 8, please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings

Add FIGS. 1A & 1B, as follows:

Fig. 1A

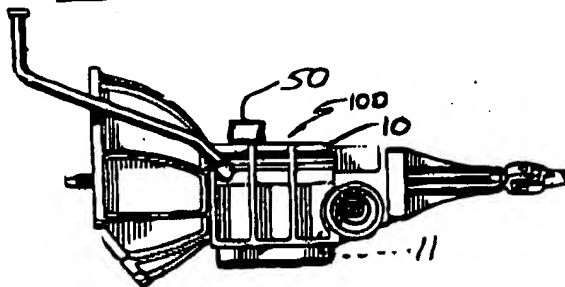
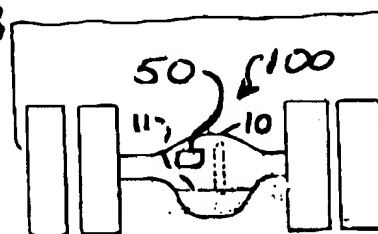


FIG. 1B



In the Written Description

On page 4, line 7, insert the following after "automobile."

-- FIGS. 1A & 1B show inert gas blanket provisions of the invention for a transmission and a gear box not a transmission, respectively. --

On page 5, line 2, between "in" and "FIG. 2" insert the following:

-- FIG. 1A is depicted protected transmission 100 having transmission case 10 and within it transmission fluid 11; in FIG. 1B is depicted protected gear box 100 having differential case 10 and within it lubricant 11; in --.